

The American Legion

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Commander Callan Reads Legion Triumph in Harding's Order to Continue Hospital at Chelsea

Construction in Line With Program for Care of Tubercular Ex-Servicemen

State Commander Callan resumed work at once on the building of the veterans' hospital at Chelsea, Dutchess County, N. Y., after receiving from Washington yesterday the order of the President to continue the work.

The work was stopped several weeks ago on government orders, when it was stated that the plans would be rearranged. President Harding announced last Saturday that he would order the work continued, and yesterday the order followed.

It is expected that within a short time work will be started on the veterans' hospital at Chelsea. The Chelsea hospital will be for the disabled veterans of the metropolitan district, with the Tupper Lake hospital, which will take patients from all parts of the state.

The construction of these two hospitals is now as a result of the action carried on by the American Legion. The Legion has fought for government institutions, and now Albert S. Callan was elected state commander. He pledged himself to this cause. The buildings were included on his hospitalization program, and already his efforts have borne fruit.

Mr. Callan's Views

Commander Callan yesterday issued the following statement:

The announcement by President Harding of his approval of a hospital at Chelsea with a capacity of five hundred beds for ex-service men and women suffering from tuberculosis is a great victory for the American Legion. It establishes a definite program for the care of these men and women, which has for three years been the object of our organization, and is proof of the sincerity of our argument for the need and necessity of these institutions as well as the one at Tupper Lake, which will be completed in the near future. The erection of both these buildings has received my undivided attention since assuming the office of commander of the Legion, and I shall see to it that it is humanly possible, that nothing shall interfere with their erection and early occupancy.

In this determination I know that the Legion will receive the support of all citizens who recognize the justice that is due men and women who are suffering from tuberculosis as a result of their war service. We have accomplished a great deal in bringing about this undertaking of the government, although it has consumed a long period of time, and from now on the attitude of those in authority should be full speed ahead and let no further difficulties of government red tape or bureaucratic quibbling stand in the way.

The Legion wants these hospitals and a word of the great victory it has won.

Print River Control

Conservation Commissioner Alexander Macdonald in Albany will tomorrow conduct a hearing on the application to create a river-regulating district for regulating the flow of the Baginette River and its tributaries. The application will be opposed by the

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New Officers Named

Reville Post has elected these officers for the ensuing year: John J. Scanlan, commander; Charles E. Steiner, first vice-commander; J. Bernard Slemmon, second vice-commander; James A. Ireland, third vice-commander; Louis F. Frugone, adjutant; Herbert Herzog, treasurer; executive committee, J. E. Laurencella, chairman; Frank Ruffetto, Ernest Michel, Thomas J. Dillon, Albert S. Hamilton, George G. Skelton, Lou F. Maged. Delegates to county committee, George F. Horn, James A. Sharkey, J. E. Laurencella.

Signal Post Meeting

The annual meeting of Signal Post 343, will be held to-morrow at the Signal Corps headquarters in the 71st Regiment Armory, at which time officers for the year 1923 will be elected. The meeting will be followed by short talk on "The Near East Situation" by Talcott Williams, retired dean of the Columbia School of Journalism.

"Old New York" Night

"Old New York" night will be celebrated by the City Club of New York Post of the American Legion at the City Club House, 55 West Forty-fourth Street, to-night, when Henry Collins Brown, editor of "Valentine's Manual of Old New York," will give his humorous historical talk, "Barnum's Cherry Colored Cat," illustrated with rare stereoscopic views of old New York.

Murray Hill Post Election

Murray Hill Post and its auxiliary will meet to-night for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The meeting will be held at the Kips Bay Club, 825 Second Avenue.

McElroy Heads Marine Post

At a recent meeting of United States Marine Post 300, the following officers were elected to represent the post for the coming year: Commander, Arthur E. McElroy; first vice-commander, Wesley Corridor; second vice-commander, Christopher Greeley; third vice-commander, Miles Solomon; adjutant, Frank Lee; treasurer, W. W. Archer; chaplain, Homer Phelps; sergeant-at-arms, Edward O'Garra; member-at-large on the executive committee, Eric Bagge.

Former Commander Raymond L. Hill was chosen to represent the post on the county committee.

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First Juvenile Court in Westchester Opens Jan. 1

Judge Geo. C. Appell to Readjust Difficulties Between Parent and Child

Westchester County's long desired Children's Court is about to become a fact. The tribunal, which will have as its sole object the readjustment of difficulties between parents and children, provided for at the last session of the State Legislature, will come into existence January 1, with Judge George C. Appell, elected last November as its first judge, hearing the cases brought before him.

Judge Appell outlined the plan by which the court is to be operated at a luncheon given yesterday by the Westchester County Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Commodore. After studying the plans of operation of similar organizations, he said, it had been decided to divide the county into three zones, with a headquarters in each where one morning a week he would hear cases occurring in that district. The three districts headquarters will be Yonkers, first district; New Rochelle, second district; and Ossining, third district. Judge Appell's chambers and the central bureau of the court will be located at White Plains.

A characteristic of the new court was, Judge Appell explained, that there

Women Keep on Singing As Church Walls Burn

While the sexton, Charles Cadley, went to summon the fire apparatus a score of women in the Miraph Chapel of the Central Presbyterian Church, at 420 West Fifty-seventh Street, continued to sing hymns yesterday with the walls of the room burning a few feet from them. Flames a foot high licked out from the wall, but Mrs. C. R. Truby, wife of the pastor, kept on playing "Our Faith Looks Up to Thee," and Miss Florence Lewis, a missionary, never ceased leading the singing.

The firemen, led by Battalion Chief Denis Curtin, crowded into the room, dragging a hose, and as they wanted to cut away the wall and needed room, the women ceased singing and gathered in a corner to watch the men fight the blaze.

"The coolest lot of women I ever saw," said Acting Chief Curtin.

The fire started from an overheated stove and caused but little damage. Two other fires occurred in the lower part of the city yesterday. One of them, a two-alarm call, tied up traffic for fifteen minutes on the Ninth Avenue L, while firemen hauled their hose to the structure and drowned a bad blaze in a loft at the corner of Greenwich and Murray streets. Damage was confined to the third, fourth and fifth floors of the building and amounted to about \$5,000. The cause was undetermined.

A three-alarm call in the morning sent the apparatus to a six-story warehouse at 295 and 238 Spring Street. The building is owned by the North River Stores, Inc. The blaze was confined to the basement.

Dr. and Mrs. Derby Returning

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Dr. Richard Derby and Mrs. Derby, who was Miss Ethel Roosevelt, will sail for the United States to-morrow on the steamship George Washington. While here they have been guests at the home of Ambassador Herrick. They visited the grave of Quentin Roosevelt, near Champs.

Safeguards Urged For Lonely Girls Traveling Abroad

15-Year-Old Dancer Brought Back From Panama by Protective League After She Sails to Join Chorus

Girls traveling alone to foreign countries, especially if they are under contract to theatrical or dancing organizations, should be made the object of more careful Federal and international supervision, according to Miss Maude Miner, head of the Girls' Protective League, who spoke at the Colony Club yesterday afternoon.

Miss Miner told the story of Bertha White, a fifteen year old girl, on her way to join a chorus in Panama, who was given a passport on the strength of her statement that she was twenty-one years old. Waverly House, of which Miss Miner is the head, protested, but the girl was allowed to sail. Later, through Miss Miner, she was sent home by the cabaret manager who had hired her.

This case showed the necessity for improved supervision of young women travelers, Miss Miner said. She made the following recommendations:

That there should be some Federal supervision of employment agencies sending girls to foreign countries.

That more care should be taken in granting passports to girls obviously under age, going alone for employment to other countries.

That some supervision should be given to contracts made by young women for work in foreign countries to see that they are insured return to the United States at the end of contract.

That increased supervision should be given to young people traveling alone on steamers and that a woman matron should be employed for each large boat.

The League of Nations committee on women recently made similar recommendations, she said.

It was announced by George W. Alger, president, that the new headquarters of the Girls' Protective League, at 138 East Nineteenth Street, will be ready for occupancy in January. John D. Rockefeller Jr. pledged \$7,500; the Milbank Memorial Fund, \$5,000; Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Ladd, \$2,500; Ernst Rosenfeld, \$2,000; Mrs. George W. Perkins, \$1,500; Mortimer L. Schiff, \$1,000; Felix Warburg, \$1,000; Charles Altschul, \$1,000; Mrs. Edward Freeman, \$1,000; and Henry S. Glazier, \$1,000.

Second Service Held For W. G. Rockefeller

Body of Financier Is Placed in Mausoleum at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

With a simple service held at the request of his wife, the body of William G. Rockefeller was placed yesterday in the mausoleum at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. George Thompson, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Greenwich, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Charles W. Baldwin, of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough.

Mrs. Rockefeller, with her son, Godfrey, was in Europe at the time of her husband's death and returned Saturday. Having been unable to attend the funeral services held at their home, 292 Madison Avenue, she requested a second service.

Deceased Mrs. Rockefeller and her son, there were present Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rockefeller, Stillman, Sterling and Miss Almira Rockefeller, all children of William G. Rockefeller, and Percy A. Rockefeller, a brother, and his wife, John D. Rockefeller, his uncle, was unable to attend.

American Prelates in Audience With Pontiff

ROME, Dec. 13.—Pope Pius today received Monsignor Kevin P. Fisher, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; the Rev. Francis X. Wastl, rector of St. John's the Evangelist, Philadelphia, and Max Pam, of Chicago. They were presented by Monsignor O'Hern, rector of the American College in Rome.

The Pontiff spoke cordially with all, especially inquiring of Monsignor Fisher about Cardinal Dougherty, whom he recalled having met shortly after his election. Six of the eight newly created Cardinals to-day received from the hands of Pope Pius the symbols of their office, in the form of the red hat, or beretta, and the elaborate surplice called the rochet. Cardinals Locatelli and Casanova were not present, being respectively in Portugal and Spain.

Cardinal Bonzano, former Apostolic Delegate to the United States, delivered the address of thanks for the high honor bestowed upon them.

Japan Quits Kiaochow To-day

TOKIO, Dec. 13 (By The Associated Press).—Japan, in the process of relinquishing Kiaochow, intended to China, expects to complete its withdrawal to-morrow. The Japanese Cabinet, resending charges from Chinese sources that Japanese troops were encouraging Chinese bandits at Tientsin, has decided not to remain in control of that port until December 20, as China requested.

Queen Becomes Motorcyclist

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Queen Elizabeth of

the Belgians, who often accompanies King Albert on his airplane flights, having flown as far as England, has now ordered a motorcycle. Her husband and eldest son, Crown Prince Leopold, already possess motorcycles.

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